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The Modesto Chamber of Commerce is a strong advocate of free and open competition - and for this reason, we are writing to express our support for SBC Pacific Bell's entry into the long distance market.

As you know, SBC Pacific Bell filed its long distance application four years ago. Since that time, the application has undergone numerous reviews and revisions - all designed to ensure that SBC Pacific Bell has opened its network to the competition. The marketplace is open, and now it is time for California consumers to enjoy the benefits of increased competition.

We understand that the FCC has approved long-distance applications from 23 states. Across these states, millions of Americans are experiencing the benefits of a fully competitive telecommunications market. Our members and all Californians want and deserve these benefits too.

On behalf of the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, I urge you to consider our endorsement of SBC Pacific Bell and promote competition in California.

Sincerely,

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